



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JULY 24, 2017
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 7:00 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor Jim Matherly presiding and with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Joy Huntington, Seat A
June Rogers, Seat B
Valerie Therrien, Seat C
Jerry Norum, Seat D
Jerry Cleworth, Seat E
David Pruhs, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: JB Brainerd, Deputy City Attorney
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff
Stephanie Johnson, Dispatch Center Manager
Carmen Randle, Chief Financial Officer
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
Eric Jewkes, Police Chief
Jackson Fox, City Engineer
Jim Styers, Fire Chief
Tom Borce, Risk Manager
Christina Rowlett, HR Admin
Michael Sanders, Housing & Homeless Coordinator
Dominic Lozano, Firefighter
Scott Raygor, Fire Captain

City Clerk Danyielle Snider read aloud the Mission Statement of the City of Fairbanks.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mr. Cleworth led the Flag Salutation.

Mayor Matherly asked former Council Member Jerry Norum to come forward. He spoke to Mr. Norum's service in the Fairbanks community throughout the years. He thanked Mr. Norum for his lifelong service to the City, the Borough, the community and the state. He presented Mr. Norum with a personalized City of Fairbanks gold pan.

Mr. Norum stated he fell in love with Fairbanks when he was chasing after his now wife, Nancy Norum, and he never left.

Mr. Cleworth thanked Mr. Norum for his contribution to education in the community and spoke to serving on the Council with him in the 1980s. **Mr. Pruhs** thanked Mr. Norum for his willingness to get involved in the community and stated he is a remarkable man. **Ms. Therrien** stated she would miss Mr. Norum very much and wished him and his family the best. **Ms. Rogers** stated she admires Mr. Norum and thanked him for all she had learned from him over the years. She shared a story about Mr. Norum that showcased his vision and excitement about improving the community. **Ms. Huntington** thanked Mr. Norum for all of the passion and enthusiasm that he has brought to the Council. She stated he has taught her a lot and thanked him for always igniting his conversations with such passion. She thanked Mr. Norum for his service and wished him and his family well.

Mayor Matherly asked the Norum family to stand so everyone could see the size of his family members who were in attendance. All those present gave the Norum family a round of applause.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Brittany Smart, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks – Ms. Smart thanked Mr. Norum for his many years of service to the community. She congratulated Mr. Bagwill for being appointed to the Council. She stated the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) recycling center is being worked on, and they hope to have a soft opening within 30 days to test out the process. Ms. Smart stated the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has released a notice of proposed rule changes and that there will be two public hearings on August 18 to address the issues. She stated online testimony may be sent in until August 30. She stated she has been attending City Council meetings on behalf of the FNSB for a year, and she has enjoyed getting to know everyone.

Ms. Rogers expressed appreciation for Ms. Smart's attendance at City Council meetings.

Mayor Matherly thanked Ms. Smart for helping to foster a reciprocal relationship between the City and Borough.

Jerry Evans, 1641 Kassi Court, Fairbanks – Mr. Evans spoke on behalf of Explore Fairbanks as their Public Relations Manager. He thanked the Council for its continued support by reinvesting bed tax dollars into the travel industry. He stated funding has been cut for travel statewide, so it is forcing Explore Fairbanks to work harder and to become more creative in finding revenue sources. Mr. Evans spoke to the international travel industry and to how it benefits the community. He invited everyone to visit Explore Fairbanks, and he listed some writers that will be visiting Fairbanks soon.

Yaron Miller, 907 E Street NW, Washington DC – Mr. Miller stated he is with the PEW Charitable Trusts in Washington D.C. working to restore America's parks. He stated the organization would like to restore infrastructure such as roads, bridges, tunnels, trails and restrooms in National Parks across the nation. He stated the motto in his department is that parks create jobs: visitors translate to spending, and spending translates to jobs. He spoke to the many initiatives his organization is working towards.

Ms. Huntington asked about the timeline for gathering support for the legislation. Mr. Miller replied that it is hard to move legislation through Congress, so his organization is not in a rush. He shared his excitement for the support he has received and stated that Senator Lisa Murkowski has been a champion of national parks.

Ms. Therrien stated that it is nice to put a face to the PEW Charitable Trusts' name.

Randy Griffin, P.O. Box 73653, Fairbanks – Mr. Griffin spoke to the importance of repealing Obamacare, and he read aloud a letter that he sent to Senator Murkowski's office. He stated he did not want to become a subsidized welfare recipient and that he should be able purchase the insurance of his choice. Mr. Griffin stated Obamacare is a wrecking ball and an abomination that needs to be repealed. He stated he has asked Senator Murkowski to influence her peers in Washington D.C. to not place burdensome insurance requirements on United States citizens.

Brandon Emmett, 1299 Lowbush Lane, Fairbanks – Mr. Emmett stated he is a member of the State of Alaska Marijuana Control Board (MCB) and was appointed by Governor Walker. He thanked the Council for making a recommendation for his reappointment to the Board. He spoke to some items addressed at the last MCB meeting: handlers' permits, background checks and on-site consumption. He stated the next MCB meeting will be in Nome, Alaska in September.

Mr. Pruhs thanked Mr. Emmett for attending and asked if there have been any violations by retail marijuana businesses. Mr. Emmett stated there are notices of violation and accusations; he stated that there has only been one accusation against an Anchorage retail store. He explained that the accusation related to an advertising issue, but the Board overturned the complaint. He stated the Board chose to work more on the regulations surrounding advertising. **Mr. Pruhs** asked if the varying State and local regulations are cumbersome. Mr. Emmett stated that most of the complaints he has heard are relating to buffer zones near religious establishments. **Mr. Pruhs** asked Mr. Emmett if he thinks the public is growing used to commercial marijuana. Mr. Emmett replied he believes people are realizing that it is objectively safer than alcohol because there has not been an uptick in public safety calls since legalization occurred. **Mr. Pruhs** spoke to Mr. Emmett's background which qualifies him to sit on the control board. Mr. Emmett stated that he was a paramedic for 10 years, and he saw numerous times where alcohol was a contributor to calls; he stated that he recalls only one call where marijuana was a factor.

Dave Button, 2501 Mission Road, North Pole – Mr. Button stated marijuana use leads to hard drug use and asked that people consider the danger.

Mike Sanders 1777 Crosson Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Sanders spoke on behalf of the Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition. He stated the grant renewal paperwork for his position is due in August, and he gave a summary of his efforts in reaching out to the homeless community. He stated the point-in-time count was done in January when it was -38 degrees, so the count of 243 may have been skewed. Mr. Sanders stated the Coalition has formed a board which will work locally to solve the homelessness issue. He spoke to the possibility of renovating the old Reflections building into a day shelter for homeless people, and he spoke to other services that could be provided at the same location.

Mayor Matherly thanked Mr. Sanders for taking the coordinator position and for bringing cohesion to the Homeless Coalition.

Mr. Pruhs stated he represents the seller of the building Mr. Sanders referred to and that he would have to recuse himself from any vote on the issue.

Michael Farrell, P.O. Box 83327, Fairbanks – Mr. Farrell thanked the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) for helping his friend whose car recently caught on fire. He stated that the police should regularly release their body camera footage to the media because tax dollars paid for the cameras. He stated if the police are not going to leave their body cameras on all of the time they should be sold online to recover some of the tax dollars. He spoke to other projects and ideas on how to manage the City’s money.

Frank Turney, 329 6th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney stated he was glad Mr. Norum attended the meeting, and he spoke to his family’s history with the Norum family. Mr. Turney thanked Michelle from the Catholic school for bringing a group of students to the Clay Street Cemetery for a tour. He spoke of the psychological effects on a police officer involved in a shooting. He stated he occasionally disagrees with Mr. Pruhs, but he appreciates that he recused himself from the issue of the old Reflections building.

Hearing no more requests for public comment, **Mayor Matherly** declared Public Testimony closed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Mayor Matherly took a voice vote on APPROVING the Agenda and Consent Agenda; the MOTION CARRIED.

City Clerk Snider read the Consent Agenda into the record.

SPECIAL ORDERS

a) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Marijuana License Applications for Renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Premises Address
10131	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	Retail Marijuana Store	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	1851 Fox Avenue
10230	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	1851 Fox Avenue

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Marijuana License Applications for Renewal.

Cole Hollister, 3264 Riverview Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. Hollister gave an update on his business and the local marijuana industry. He thanked his sons for stepping up to the plate and running

the business after he injured his leg. He spoke to the medical benefits of marijuana and to the amount of senior citizens that frequent his business. Mr. Hollister stated that Pakalolo received the "Store of the Year" award at a tradeshow in Anchorage. He encouraged Council Members to do their homework and to support the defeat of the ballot initiative.

Mr. Pruhs asked Mr. Hollister if his family was as involved in his insurance business as they are with Pakalolo. Mr. Hollister stated they were involved but they are part owners of Pakalolo.

Brandon Emmett, 1299 Lowbush Lane, Fairbanks – Mr. Emmett spoke in favor of the marijuana industry and stated the businesses have contributed to the community in a positive way.

Mr. Pruhs stated there have only been two police calls to Pakalolo and asked if the MCB had received any complaints about Pakalolo. Mr. Emmett replied that they have not.

Hearing no more requests for public comment, **Mayor Matherly** declared Public Testimony closed.

Mr. Pruhs spoke in favor of the motion to waive protest. **Ms. Huntington** congratulated Mr. Hollister for the award his store received and for setting a high standard for the industry. **Ms. Rogers** thanked Mr. Hollister for always providing complete information to the Council.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE MARIJUANA LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Pruhs, Therrien, Huntington, Cleworth, Rogers

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Matherly called for a five minute recess.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Matherly thanked everyone who helped with the Golden Days events, and he reflected on how nice the weather was. He stated he was happy to work with the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) by giving out ice cream during the Golden Days celebration. He spoke to possible changes to the FDC application and asked the Council for permission add a demographics section to the application.

Ms. Huntington suggested that a question could be worded so that it pulls background information out of applicants.

Ms. Rogers spoke against the idea of asking whether an applicant represents a certain group.

Mr. Cleworth stated people take offense to being asked personal questions. He stated that the application should ask what the applicant can bring to the group.

Mr. Pruhs asked the Mayor to bring a revised application forward for Council review.

Ms. Therrien stated she would like to see the application questions before making a decision.

Mayor Matherly stated there was a wonderful picnic at Public Works to celebrate Annie Witt's 40 years of service to the City and Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson's 60th birthday. **Mayor Matherly** spoke to some upcoming events designed to raise breast cancer awareness.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) The Fairbanks City Council will consider the following application for a new Retail Marijuana Store License:

Type: Retail Marijuana Store, License #10589
DBA: Nature's Releaf, LLC
Licensee/Applicant: Nature's Releaf, LLC
Physical Location: 503 7th Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska

NOTE: This item was POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2017; a public hearing was held at that time. A motion to PROTEST until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued (made by Mr. Pruhs, seconded by Ms. Huntington) was on the floor.

Manish Singh, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Singh stated he works at the Borough Community Planning Department, and he is in attendance to answer any questions the Council may have. He stated the FNSB School District Administrative Building does not meet the definition of a school because its primary use is not for a school. He stated a zoning permit has been issued to Nature's Releaf, LLC because they have complied with all zoning ordinances.

Ms. Rogers stated she thinks there is a lack of follow through with the definition of a school because students are regularly in the building. Mr. Singh stated that definitions are listed in FNSBC Title 18, and buffer zones only apply once a building falls under the definition of a use that requiring a buffer.

Ms. Therrien reminded the Council that she has a conflict of interest on the license and that she will not be weighing in on the issue.

Mayor Matherly invited the Paschalls to speak to their retail marijuana license application.

Kelly Paschall, 540 Haines Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Paschall spoke of his deep roots in the community and to his history in the City. He spoke in support of medical marijuana and to their desire to have their store front close to medical clinics.

Barbara Paschall, 540 Haines Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Paschall stated that there are two parking lots between her building and the FNSB Administrative Building and that when you walk on the sidewalk it is more than 500 feet. She stated she would like to give back to the community and that she intends to donate some of her proceeds to community organizations.

Mr. Pruhs asked if the person who had an issue with her store being too close to the School District building had followed up with her. Ms. Paschall stated she had not heard anything from them. **Mr. Pruhs** stated he found it disconcerting that they criticized the business with no follow through. Ms. Paschall stated their building will be under construction for some time. She spoke to working with the Police Department to remedy safety issues at the location.

Mr. Paschall stated they purchased the building in 2015, and they have been working for the past 10 months on renovating the property. **Mr. Pruhs** asked if the property is zoned for commercial use; Mr. Paschall replied that it is.

Ms. Huntington asked the Paschalls if they will be sensitive about their storefront since it will be in a direct line of sight of the FNSB Administrative Building. Ms. Paschall stated they intend to be sensitive and that their sign will be displayed on Lacey Street. Mr. Paschall stated that their sign does not even have a marijuana leaf on it.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the Borough should address vocational schools and buildings like the Administrative Building in their code. He stated he will support the license because of the restricted nature of the business.

Ms. Huntington gave a note of caution to both the Police and the Paschalls about kids having adults buy marijuana for them.

Mayor Matherly spoke highly of the Paschalls' character; he stated it would be a good use for a currently vacant building.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO PROTEST THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE UNTIL A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Pruhs, Huntington, Cleworth
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Therrien
Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Ordinance No. 6054 – An Ordinance to Present to the Qualified Voters of the City of Fairbanks the Question of Maintaining Essential Services by Increasing Revenue to Offset Lost Funding from the State of Alaska. Introduced by Mayor Matherly and Council Members Huntington, Rogers, and Therrien. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6054.

Frank Turney, 329 6th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney stated the City Council violated its own Code, and now it wants a bail-out from the taxpayers. He stated people have a right to know the real reason for the ordinance.

Mary Nordale, 309 Haines, Fairbanks – Ms. Nordale stated she is pleased with the introduction of Ordinance No. 6054 because the community needs to be enhanced. She stated that she was the Commissioner of Revenue in the 1980s; she stated that in 1986 the price of oil plummeted and did not recover until 1988. She stated there will be no rescue this time because state revenue sharing has all but dried up. Ms. Nordale encouraged the Council to approve the ordinance so community services can continue. She stated the City needs to create a committee to determine what the City is going to be all about. She stated she does not want to see Fairbanks or Alaska fail, so people need to apply their minds to fixing the budget crisis.

Ms. Therrien asked Ms. Nordale if she would be willing to serve on a committee if one was formed. Ms. Nordale stated she would be happy to serve if the Council formed a committee.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger stated the Council should cut back on union wages and apply for more grants to resolve the budget issues. He stated the Council should think more about citizens than inflating employees' wages. He stated he is finally old enough to get a property tax exemption. He stated it is very easy to spend other people's money.

Scott Raygor, 2615 Allen Adale Road, Fairbanks – Mr. Raygor stated he is a City employee and the President of the Fairbanks Firefighters Union. He asked the Council to support the ordinance and expressed his appreciation for the Council's hard work in presenting the ordinance to voters.

Hearing no more requests for public comment, **Mayor Matherly** declared Public Testimony closed.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to SUBSTITUTE Ordinance No. 6054, as amended for Ordinance No. 6054.

Mayor Matherly called for objection to the motion to SUBSTITUTE and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Ms. Therrien stated that she appreciates Mr. Cleworth's wordsmithing on the ordinance because it has made it much more understandable. She urged the Council to support the ordinance.

Ms. Huntington stated she had planned to be in Anchorage for other meetings and a concert, but she canceled so she could be in attendance to discuss Ordinance No. 6054. She stated the ordinance is important, and it is the Council's responsibility to balance the budget. She encouraged the Council to pass the ordinance so the voters can ultimately make the decision. She stated there is a realistic chance of it passing and making a difference to the City budget.

Ms. Rogers thanked everyone for participating in the process of drafting Ordinance No. 6054. She thanked Ms. Nordale for her testimony. She spoke in support of the ordinance and asked that they continue to work together to come up with other solutions to resolve budget issues.

Mayor Matherly thanked Ms. Nordale for sharing her thoughts; he spoke to the historically-poor voter turnout in Fairbanks. He stated that if voters do not approve the increased property tax, the City will have to regroup to present a balanced budget in the fall.

Mr. Cleworth distributed a handout on being good stewards, and he questioned whether the Council has acted in good faith. He spoke adamantly against Ordinance No. 6054, and he questioned whether the Council has followed City Code. He recommended that the Council should get its house in order before asking the people for money. **Mr. Cleworth** stated the Council violated its own code by funding one labor union with a better package than other unions. He stated the best comment he heard was from Ms. Rogers who said that everyone has to give, and no one is giving except for the taxpayers.

Mr. Pruhs stated the trigger for writing the ordinance was the funding of the arbitrator's award to fund the Fairbanks Firefighters Union (FFU) healthcare. He stated the Council is asking taxpayers to pay for their financial mismanagement. He stated the Mayor should have vetoed the FFU award because it is unfundable going on into the future. **Mr. Pruhs** stated there are other sources of potential revenue that have not yet been considered. He stated he would not be voting in favor of the ordinance. He stated the Building Department has lost 250% of its revenue in two years and that maybe it is time to look at privatizing that department.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6054, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Huntington, Therrien, Matherly

NAYS: Cleworth, Pruhs

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6054, as Amended, ADOPTED.

- c) Ordinance No. 6055 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 86, Vehicles for Hire. Introduced by Mayor Matherly and Council Member Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ralf Dobrovolny, 2240 Hanson Road, Fairbanks – Mr. Dobrovolny spoke in favor of the ordinance; he stated it would be appropriate to amend it to exclude the touring and sightseeing.

Dustin Adams, 580 Derbyshire Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. Adams spoke in favor of the ordinance; he stated that it is appropriate to exempt businesses whose primary business is not transportation.

Paul Worman, 2941 Westgate Place, Fairbanks – Mr. Worman stated he owns Alaska Best Shuttle & Tours and that he is concerned that Transportation Network Company (TNC) drivers do not have to obtain all the permits and licenses that chauffeurs are required to maintain. He stated the City should tax TNCs at a 20% rate to level the playing field.

Matt Atkinson, 946 Coppet Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Atkinson spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 6055, especially for those who operate under Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations.

Hearing no more requests for public comment, **Mayor Matherly** declared Public Testimony closed.

Mr. Pruhs thanked City staff for bringing the issues to his attention and for helping draft the ordinance.

Mr. Cleworth asked if UBER and Lyft were the only two TNCs on the market and whether background checks are done on TNC drivers.

City Clerk Snider replied that the State legislation to regulate TNCs defines what a TNC is; she stated that she does not believe it may be exclusive to UBER and Lyft, although the market may currently be limited to those two companies currently. She clarified that the TNC companies are required to perform background checks on drivers.

Mr. Pruhs stated that the legislature used the City of Fairbanks as an example of what good taxi industry regulation looks like.

Mr. Cleworth provided a brief history of taxi regulation at the City of Fairbanks. He stated that the state has created somewhat of a double standard for the industry with the new legislation.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6055 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Huntington, Therrien, Pruhs, Cleworth, Rogers

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6055 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No 4801 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to DOWL for the Minnie Street Corridor Study in the Amount of \$476,530. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Ordinance No. 6056 – An Ordinance Amending FGC Sec. 2-655 Multiyear Contracts and FGC Sec. 2-149 Fiscal Note on Ordinances and Resolutions to Add Additional Requirements. Introduced by Council Members Cleworth and Pruhs.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Committee Reports

Polaris Work Group – **Mr. Pruhs** stated the group met with the Senator Lisa Murkowski’s Chief of Staff, and they are trying to gain traction on the possibility of demolishing the Polaris Building. He reported that the owner cut the trees down that were growing on the roof.

Permanent Fund Review Board (PFRB) – **Ms. Therrien** stated that she would like Ms. Randle to speak to the exact numbers that were discussed at the last PFRB meeting. Ms. Randle reported that the Permanent Fund balance is approximately \$128 million.

Public Safety Commission – **Ms. Huntington** stated the Commission recently met and was updated on vacancies in public safety departments. She stated the group discussed police and fire response times, crime rates and the increase in homicides. She stated that the current homicide rate is twice the average rate. She stated there have been several applicants for the advertised positions, and the City is as safe as it can be at this time.

FMATS Policy Board – **Mr. Cleworth** stated there have been some difficult FMATS meetings recently and that MPO Coordinator Donna Gardino will be retiring in November. He stated there are some changes being made to the department and that it is trying to become an entity of its own. **Mr. Cleworth** stated there is a gray area because they are IBEW members and on the City's payroll, but the MPO reports to the Policy Board. He stated a consultant was sought out, and they recommended that FMATS be a stand-alone department; he indicated, however, that there are not enough votes on the Board to support that. He stated that the Board is continuing to look for solutions to the problem.

Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) – **Mayor Matherly** stated the Council met for a fun meeting and that lots of good things are happening. **Ms. Rogers** reported that the FDC welcomed Officer Dave Elzey back to FPD and shared pizza at the meeting. She shared that she presented Ofc. Elzey with a skipping stone which represents how his efforts are moving in the community.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

a) Memo to Approve the Appointment to City Council Seat D

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to APPROVE the appointment to City Council Seat D.

Mr. Bagwill spoke to his background and to the experiences that have brought him to the City Council. He stated he has been back in Fairbanks since 1994 and that he has noticed some changes in the community. He commented that when he was young, his mom allowed him to ride his bike around all day; he stated that he is not sure of the safety and culture of the Fairbanks community today. He stated he would like to have a positive effect on the community.

Mayor Matherly welcomed Mr. Bagwill to the City Council and reported that Mr. Bagwill is familiar with City business. **Mr. Pruhs** complimented Mayor Matherly on the quality choice he made for the open Council seat, and he welcomed Mr. Bagwill to the Council. **Ms. Rogers** thanked Mr. Bagwill for attending Council meetings and for being a good listener. **Mayor Matherly** stated Mr. Bagwill is engaged in what is happening and has attended many meetings in their entirety. **Ms. Huntington** welcomed Mr. Bagwill to the Council and that she was happy when she received word that he was the Mayor's choice for appointment.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT TO CITY COUNCIL SEAT D AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Pruhs, Rogers, Huntington, Therrien
NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

b) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2017

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Huntington thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that she enjoys working with fellow Council Members.

Ms. Rogers stated that she had no comments.

Ms. Therrien stated that she is looking forward to working with Mr. Bagwill. She stated she did not agree with Mr. Cleworth's comments about the FFU contract and violating City Code.

Mr. Pruhs stated it was fun to take in all the Golden Days events; he shared that Senator Sullivan stopped by his BBQ booth to visit.

Mr. Cleworth spoke to the expansion of the Santa Claus House; he stated that they have asked the City of Fairbanks Building Department to help with it. He asked if there has been any movement of the abatement of the old dairy. **Mayor Matherly** replied he has heard nothing but that he would look into it.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Snider announced that candidate filing will close on Monday, July 31 at 5 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Deputy City Attorney Brainerd reported that this is the last Council meeting he will attend as Deputy City Attorney; he stated that he has accepted a position with the State of Alaska and his last day at the City would be July 31. The Council gave Mr. Brainerd a round of applause.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to ENTER Executive Session for the purpose of discussing IBEW Labor Negotiations.

Mayor Matherly called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Matherly called for a five minute recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) IBEW Labor Negotiations

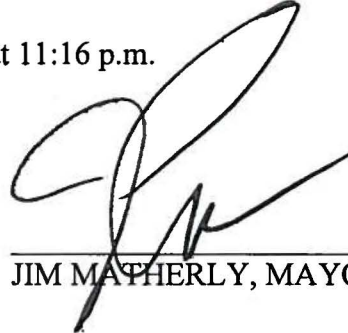
The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss IBEW Labor Negotiations. Direction was given to the negotiating team, and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.


Mayor Matherly called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Matherly declared the meeting adjourned at 11:16 p.m.



JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: EB